

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. The public interest is not served by this partisan broadcast, only the interest of one party.

I am very concerned about the turn towards authoritarianism that our democracy has been taking in the last few years. I believe this has been greatly helped by the media's failure to challenge official "truths". This slide can be stopped only by a strong, independent, and diverse media.

I urge you to take action immediately against Sinclair Broadcasting and in the future to strengthen media ownership rules and the license renewal process. Thank you.